

Shorelines are where the land and water meet – the edge of lakes, streams and rivers, and marine waters.



Shorelines of the State in Snohomish County

RCW 90.58.030(2)(g)

"Shorelines of the state" are the total of all **"shorelines"** and **"shorelines of statewide significance"** within the state;

RCW 90.58.030(2)(e)

"Shorelines" means all of the water areas of the state, including reservoirs, and their associated shorelands, together with the lands underlying them; except (i) shorelines of statewide significance; (ii) shorelines on segments of streams upstream of a point where the mean annual flow is twenty cubic feet per second or less and the wetlands associated with such upstream segments; and (iii) shorelines on lakes less than twenty acres in size and wetlands associated with such small lakes;

RCW 90.58.030(2)(d)

"Shorelands" or **"shoreland areas"** means those lands extending landward for two hundred feet in all directions as measured on a horizontal plane from the ordinary high water mark; floodways and contiguous floodplain areas landward two hundred feet from such floodways; and all wetlands and river deltas associated with the streams, lakes, and tidal waters which are subject to the provisions of this chapter; the same to be designated as to location by the department of ecology. Any county or city may determine that portion of a one-hundred-year-flood plain to be included in its master program as long as such portion includes, as a minimum, the floodway and the adjacent land extending landward two hundred feet therefrom.

RCW 90.58.030(2)(f)

"Shorelines of statewide significance" in Snohomish County means those areas of Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca and adjacent salt waters north to the Canadian line and lying seaward from the line of extreme low tide*; those lakes, whether natural, artificial, or a combination thereof, with a surface acreage of one thousand acres or more measured at the ordinary high water mark and their associated shorelands; and those natural rivers or segments thereof downstream of a point where the mean annual flow is measured at one thousand cubic feet per second or more and their associated shorelands.

** Note: Along Puget Sound within Snohomish County the tidelands between the line of extreme low tide and the ordinary high water mark, as well as the shorelands landward from the ordinary high water mark for 200 feet are considered "shorelines", not "shorelines of statewide significance".*